"The South 40"
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It's too late to change the kind of calves your cows will be dropping this winter, but it's not too early to begin thinking about what kind of bull you will use come spring.

The use of crossbreeding by cattlemen could give a greater return than probably any other single practice. Some research studies show that a well planned crossbreeding program can give a 25 percent increase over a straight breeding system.

Looking at steer cattle only, last fall (1977), the four Lynchburg Feeder Sales had 4,166 head, of which 17% were crossbreeds. In the Spring sales at the same location, of the 2,379 steers, 23 per cent were crossbreeds. Just a few years ago, we saw just a few and they were usually discounted when sold.

It's difficult to understand why most cattlemen resist the use of this practice when so readily accept other improved practices. The use of growth stimulants is a good example of how a new practice that will turn dollars is accepted. This year, nearly one-third of all calves produced in this county received a Ralgro implant.

No doubt one reason cross-breeding comes about slower is that it takes longer to put it into practice and the results come only after a well planned program is operating.

Look at the advantages of crossbreeding: (a) hybrid vigor in the calf, produces faster growth; (b) hybrid vigor in the brood cow which results in a superior brood animal; (c) higher conception rate; (d) lower calf mortality) (e) longer life in the brood cow. These add up to the 25% extra production we mentioned at the beginning.

Once a decision is made to go to crossbreeding, the first major step is choosing a crossbreeding system; one that is appropriate for you, your market, your available feed supply, your farm. In small herds of one and two bull size a two-breed cross may be as far as you should go. Before adding a second breed, you'll need to know what your source of replacement heifers will be. Can you purchase equal quality at a fair price?

Rotational crosses of three or more breeds is better accomplished with the larger herds. With large numbers, you are able to put hybrid vigor in the cows and arrange for production of replacement females.

There are six "must" for a successful crossbreeding program: 1) Choose a simple long-term plan; 2) Use a good sound management system; 3) Use high performing breeding stock; 4) Make maximum use of the crossbred cow; 5) Use a planned marketing program and 6) Combine breeds that fit your management system.

A poor choice of breeds can mean calving problems, high death losses and reduction in dollars. Don't move toward a crossbreeding program unless you already have a firm hand on management. Cross-breeding will not solve what is already being done wrong. For the cattlemena who is on his toes, crossbreeding offers additional dollars that are just waiting to be collected.

Remember crossbreeding is not for everyone, but it can add to your personal and family incomes.

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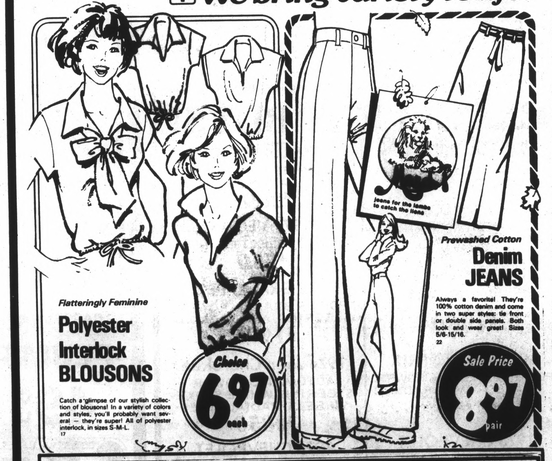

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Charlie S. Ranson was taken to Lynchburg General Hospital last Monday morning but returned home that afternoon.

The Prayer Time Circle met with Mrs. Marilyn Harris on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Clara Garrett spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Toby Inge last week.

A number attended the Booth and Inge wedding at Reedy Springs Church on last Saturday afternoon.

A number went to Williamsburg on Thursday.

A number attended the revival at New Hope Church recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hamlin Sr., returned home Monday after spending a few days in North Carolina.

Miss Sarah Hamlin spent the weekend with her sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goin of near Hixburg.

Mrs. Alice Jackson spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John.

Cassie Baldwin was visiting Mrs. Ressie Pugh on last Monday.

Dillard Ferguson was the winner of the $100 bill at the drawing at the music show held at the Pamplin Community Center on Friday night.

Mrs. Abner Crawley of Farmville spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ranson of Pamplin.

Aubrey Ranson has returned home from the hospital much improved.

The prayer retreat at Rocks was a success.

Get well wishes go out to Keith Dickerson who is in the Crippled Children's Hospital in Richmond. He will undergo surgery Monday (today).

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Katherine Carson of Spout Spring in the death of her son Pat.

Ricky Guill is back home from the army after a discharge.

Don't forget August 29th which is Bloodmobile Day. Plan now to contribute to this worthy cause. Appomattox county is far behind with this.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Helen Ranson of Amherst in the death of her brother over the week end.

Back To School Dance At Pamplin Teen Center

The Teen Center in Pamplin City will be open this Saturday for the final night in August. This Saturday's activities will feature a "Back to School Dance!" Refreshments will be served.

Teens in the area are invited to come and bring their dates or friends. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. at the Pamplin Fire Station. There is no admission charge.

The Teen Center, which has been open every Saturday in August, is sponsored by the Elon Baptist Church.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

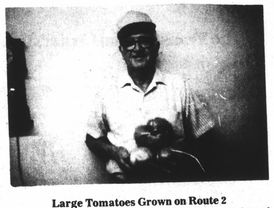
Dark Tobacco Harvest Underway

The harvest of dark tobacco has begun in parts of Appomattox County. The tobacco crop pictured above is part of 4 acres of dark tobacco belonging to Rhesa Hicks of Keysville and grown near Pamplin. This field of Turtle's Foot X Silley Pride was being cut Tuesday of last week. It was planted around June 10 and fertilized with 800-+ of 6-12-18 and topdressed with 150-+ of 15-0-14 per acre. The tobacco was topped in late July and had Off Shoot-T and MH-30 applied to control suckers.

By the end of this week, many tobacco growers will begin harvest.

Nice Catch For Little Girl

Marie Doss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Doss of Route 3, is shown with three and one-half pound bass she caught in a local pond. Quite a nice catch for any little girl - or big girl!



Large Tomatoes Grown on Route 2

R. H. Walton of Route 2, Appomattox is shown holding three of the unusually large tomatoes grown in his garden this year. One tomato weighs two and one-half pounds, another one and one-half pounds and a third one pound.

Walton, a retired employee of the Department of Highways, has been gardening all of his life and readily admits that this year's crop of tomatoes are among the finest he has ever produced.

Large Potatoes From Back Yard Garden

Harold T. Nash, Sr. is shown in photo above with potatoes grown in his back-yard garden each weighing about two and one-half pounds. Mr. Nash planted twenty pounds and they made twelve bushels of potatoes. Only one bushel was this large. He has been gardening about 30 years and this is the first time he has made potatoes this size.

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